



In the photo, State Treasurer Michael J. Murphy inspects the treasurer's first order of the new Washington State quarters which arrived at the Treasurer's Office on April 11th. Since then, the Treasurer's Office has done brisk business moving them into circulation through their teller windows. The Washington quarter is part of the United States Treasury 50 State Quarter Program.

Unique state designs are displayed on the reverse (tails) of the quarters, while the obverse (heads) of the quarters continues to display the familiar image of George Washington. The reverse of Washington's quarter features a king salmon breaching the water in front of majestic Mount Rainier. The coin bears the inscriptions "The Evergreen State," "Washington" and "1889."

The design of the new quarter was based on more than 1,500 design narratives submitted by Washington residents through the Washington State Quarter Advisory Commission. Treasurer Murphy served on the commission which was responsible for developing design concept recommendations. The final design was one of three created by United States Mint sculptor-engravers and artists with the winning design selected by the majority of voters in a statewide poll.

According to Treasurer Murphy his office is making every effort to get these coins into circulation. "Henceforth we will only be giving out Washington quarters." Murphy stated.

If you haven't yet found one of these beautiful coins in your pocket change, you can always get one, or even a roll of them, from the Office of the Washington State Treasurer at the Legislative Building in Olympia.